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Leo – is a writer. He writes the back covers of books.

Zoe is an actual writer

Narrator Leo (matter-of-factly): I’m a daydreamer. I daydream all the time... about morbid and weird things too. (Pause) Once, when I was 16, I had a daydream that my father died in a car accident. It was so real, I even cried. You see, in daydreams you can choose what happens... Daydreams aren’t like real dreams. But that in itself is a paradoxical statement.

Father says something about having a good mind in opposition to a good heart. It’s all in your head son. Your heart is strong, yes, but your mind is what truly guides you. If you have a strong mind, your heart will follow suit. With a good mind and a strong heart...

What would people do if I died?

Zones out... Can we have a strong relationship so that my dad isn’t the only one at my funeral?

You know sometimes I convince myself that I must be a bad person for thinking some of the things I think. And I try so hard to make up for the horrible things in my mind.

My father wanted a child. And so when making the decision between a boy and girl... I imagine it went something like this...

To this day, I have never understood what was wrong with my father...

I was homeschooled...

I’ve heard people talking about me. The funny thing is, they’re not saying it in jest. They’re not making fun of me. They *pity* me. They feel bad that I was ostracized... I can’t stand pity.

I was a virgin... That explains a lot.

I have yet to understand why my father hasn’t been able to keep

I’m weird and your hair is ugly...